

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of assaying a specimen, comprising: preparing (i) a specimen, (ii) a liquid cell in which a liquid used for assaying a component in the specimen, such as a liquid reagent or a liquid diluent, is to be contained, and (iii) a mixing cell wherein the specimen and the liquid are mixed; supplying a liquid reagent into the liquid cell in an amount exceeding the amount required in the assay; pipetting a portion of the specimen and a portion of the liquid into the mixing cell using a pipetting tip; and washing the pipetting tip with the liquid remaining in the liquid cell.